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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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4. (Amended) The viscosity modifier for lubricating oil as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  $\alpha$ -olefin of 3 or more carbon atoms (ii) is propylene.

5. (Amended) The viscosity modifier for lubricating oil as claimed in claim 1, wherein the carbon number of the higher  $\alpha$ -olefin (iii) is in the range of 6 to 20.